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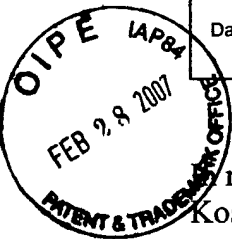
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For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR
INCORPORATING ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION INTO MAIN
INFORMATION THROUGH
ELECTRONIC WATERMARKING
TECHNIQUE

Examiner: P. Callahan

Group Art Unit: 2137

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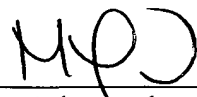
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